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WORLD'S NAVAL POWERS FOR JAMESTOWN EXPO.

Ter-Centennial to be Held in 1907 Will Reflect America's Progress.

RECALLED

of the First English Settle ment in This Country Is the History of the Early Life and Growth of the Nation as Well as the

fred the new world until Spain's sea nower was shattered by the lost of her invincible armada, the Briton the Spaniard controlled the oceans and fought almost continnously for supremacy. It was an heroic age and no land possessed such a plethora of adventurers as

The last half of the sixteenth century, during the reign of Elizabeth, the Augustan age not only of English literture, but of English Spain had invaded the west hemisphere and had established provinces. The English cast their eyes toward the east as a field for colonies. The citizens of the two nations differed no less than their purposes in the new world; one was bent on pillage and the establishment ssalage, the other on settlement independence.

Jamestown 1607-1907.

1907 the three hundredth anniversary of the first permanent Engsettlement in America will cellshrated. In 1607 Jamestown, Va., was founded. Twelve years later it the chief village in the selfgoverning colony of Virginia. This a year and six months before Plymouth at Plymouth Rock and it is safe to assume that success of Jamestown largely india need the Pilgrims to leave Holland, where they were measurably

Of ir expeditions hald sailed from Eigh nd before the Godspeed, Susan Constant and Discovery weighed an-The previous attempts had ended in disaster and the cheering thousands who lined teh sohres of the Thames, wishing the voyagers good fortune, realized that this possibly was a fivel attempt. Public opinion in England was radically divided on the questo not the expediency of further at tempts at colonization,

The colony of Virginia was not established without heroic sacrifice and indomitable courage, ciency of food, fevers and other dis cases and Indian massacres ravaged the settlement.

Once Was

More than 14,000 people emigrated from England to Virginia between 1607 and 1621; yet there was left in the whole colony but 911 inhabitants after the terrible Indian massacre of 1622. Twice Jamestown was threatened with desertion and once it was abandoned; only the tituel; arrival of Lord Delaware saving i from absolute termination.

The tercentennial of the first Engfish settlement in America is the most sentimental celebration ever planned on the American continent. Situated in a teritory which has been the battleground in all of the great wars; burnt by savages in its early days during the English wars, ravas d by foreign foes, it was the theat r of the chief struggles of 1861. 65. On the waters of Hampton Road occurred naval engagements as in morable as any of the conflicts which took place on Virginia's soil. The site chosen is a peculiarly happ, one, because few Americans born in this country are without ances ors who have a personal interest in this section.

World to Be Represented.

On this same body of water in 1892 a fair sized naval fleet was as- there. sembled in honor of the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery

which authorized the exposition nom- government celebration. As the in- President's official family will be tary features, not for the reason that This Jamestown celebration is to inated the Secretary of the Treas- ternational naval and military fea- closely connected with the celebra- they completely overshadow all a large extent an official government ury, the Secretary of War and the tures of the exposition come largely tion,

of America; in 1907 no nation will affair. The President of the United Secretary of the Navy as Jamestown under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Jamestown Examples and interesting in themselves and be unrepresented at the tremendous States has shown an absorbing in Tercentennial Commissioners and distance of States, it will be seen that position. Considerable, stress has possess such attractive power to people. naval rendezvous which will be held terest in it and the act of Congress rected them to take charge of the no less than five members of the been laid upon the naval and mili-ple in general.

